

only fundamental if we encourage reading. I encourage everybody that if you get a chance to read to a young person, do it. It will be good for them and for you.

TREATING ABORTION SURVIVORS HUMANELY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LUTTRELL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LUTTRELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss H.R. 26, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act that passed out of the House last week unanimously on one side but divided on the other, except for one vote from a colleague from Texas.

I understand that the Nation is divided on the topic of abortion, but that is not what this bill is. This bill is to protect a living soul that survived a traumatic event.

This is one that I have been losing sleep over, and I wanted to add my perspective from someone who fought in two wars. What I don't understand is why we are divided because when I was overseas and my teammates and I, my brothers and sisters in arms, were actively engaging the Taliban, al-Qaida, ISIS, and at any moment, whether it was an ambush or an IED, if a hostile act was being presented to us and that individual relinquished their weapons, decreased their aggressive posture, we were to do the exact same.

If that terrorist, if that individual, was injured or shot, we were to render medical aid. We were to act humanely even after they just tried to kill us. If necessary, we would life-flight them to the same hospital that an American soldier would go to, period.

That rule of law was passed out of this body unanimously. Every Member in this House demanded that American soldiers treat every human humanely, period.

That rule protects individuals that, because of the color of your skin, they would crucify, torture, and kill you; that because of your religious practices, if it was not in accordance with theirs, they would lock you in a cage and throw you in a lake. If they did not agree with who you were, what you were, and how you were, they would mercilessly hunt you down and execute you.

What I don't understand is how this body could unanimously pass a law that would protect somebody who absolutely despises our way of life, but we cannot come together to protect an innocent child that survived an abortion. I don't understand that.

I know that everyone in here is a mother, a father, a grandparent, an aunt, or an uncle, and at any moment walking down the street, if there was a child in duress, you would kill yourself to get to them and save them, but because this child survived abortion, you are going to turn your back and vote not to give them medical care.

If this ever presents itself back to this body, I humbly take a knee and

ask that you change your vote and vote "yes" to protect these children.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROSE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, God of peace, we pray this day for the peace found only in You, not as the world gives, for that which is found there is fleeting and flawed. Reveal yourself in this world which rages with hostilities, where there are wars and rumors of wars as far-flung as Ukraine is from Taiwan, where violence threatens to be the only answer to discord. Reveal yourself and grant us Your peace.

Lord, how long? How long will aggressors take it upon themselves to usurp not just the sovereignty of a nation but basic human rights? Lord, put an end to the senseless shedding of blood, the indiscriminate targeting of innocents.

Then may those who have suffered in ways we cannot imagine emerge from the ashes of their shattered lives and be raised up as a testimony to their enduring faith in Your redeeming grace. May the religious resolve of the persecuted in Ukraine, the endangered believers in Nigeria, the repressed Uyghurs in Xinjiang shine as a light in our darkness and show us what it means to believe in the hope of Your salvation.

Turn our hearts to receive Your mercy and transform our lives to reflect Your peace, for it is in Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.

AUCHINCLOSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

DEFENDING CONSERVATIVE SPEECH

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to let the American people know their access to conservative programming on one of our Nation's largest satellite TV providers is at risk.

DIRECTV, one of my district's largest satellite providers, has threatened to remove Newsmax from its lineup. Why, may I ask? Newsmax has simply asked to receive equal compensation for DIRECTV carrying its channel through carriage fees. Though Newsmax has higher ratings than many other more liberal stations offered on DIRECTV, the satellite provider owned by AT&T will not negotiate in good faith with Newsmax. Again, I said AT&T.

The threat of conservatives losing an independent media outlet is real should DIRECTV not agree to a new carriage agreement with Newsmax. This appears to be another victory in the woke left's efforts to cancel conservatives and limit free speech.

Mr. Speaker, I raise these concerns as a defender of the First Amendment with the hope that DIRECTV will do the right thing and keep Newsmax on its air.

REFORM THE NOTICE TO AIR MISSIONS SYSTEM

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, the failure of the Notice to Air Missions system grounded thousands of flights across America. This malfunction created air travel chaos for days.

This system is essential to safe flight operations and needs to be reformed. The Notice to Air Missions Improvement Act takes a proactive approach to make much-needed upgrades.

Many of the airline safety measures implemented over the past 15 years were borne out of the lessons we learned following the crash of flight 3407 outside of Buffalo. We must not wait for another tragedy to make the